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## **DPNR BEGINS IN-FILL & AMNESTY PROGRAM**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources advises the building community of the start of an "IN FILL AND AMNESTY PROGRAM". This program commenced with the passing of ACT NO. 8398, which allows residential structures with occupancy permits prior to January 22, 2021, to enclose remaining usable space under the base of the structure for any residential purpose.

The program is also a two-year Amnesty Program for residential property owners who have made additional improvements or alterations outside the permitted scope without the requisite permits.

All construction authorized by this Act **MUST** be completed by December 22, 2023, therefore, all applications for the IN-FILL AND AMNESTY PROGRAM should be submitted to the DPNR Division of Building Permits no later than 2:00 pm December 31, 2022.

## NO FINAL ELECTRICAL OR OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED TO AMNESTY APPLICANTS BEYOND THE EXPIRATION DATE.

For more information on the expiration of the IN-FILL AND AMNESTY PROGRAM, contact the Division of Building Permits on St. Croix at (340) 773-1082 and on St. Thomas (340) 774-3320.